

# Slo-Pitch Teams Enter Second Round of Games

Second round of play in the West Coast Slo-Pitch League gets under way Friday night with the undefeated Tappa third place El Monte at Torrance Park and the Torrance Knight Owls, ensconced in second place, traveling to Santa Ana to face the Bombers.

The Tappa Keggas automatically qualified for postseason play-off rounds by winning the first round of play without a defeat. Should the team go on to win the second round, no play-off would be scheduled.

Some clues to the success of the local Slo-Pitch crew are revealed in statistics compiled for the first round of play

which show the Tappas Keggas led the league in fielding with a .955 average and in batting with a .367 average during the first 10 games of the 20-game schedule.

**THE SOUTH** Torrance Knight Owls held second spot in the fielding statistics with a .930 average, but fell off to a .297 average at the plate.

A meeting of league managers and officers was scheduled last night to discuss organization of an all-star game after the season.

Also under discussion at the present time is an invitational tournament to be held

in the area, probably Redondo Beach, in September.

"WE WOULD like to invite about 10 crack teams from the Southland to meet teams of the West Coast Slo-Pitch League in a tournament," said Chuck Ryan, Tappa Keggas spokesman.

Ryan said the goal is to expand the current six-team league to include 10 or 12 teams next year.

In other games Friday night, the Gardena Bulls will travel to Hawthorne. All games are double headers with either the Knight Owls or the Tappa Keggas playing a double header at Torrance Park each Friday night.

## McKewen Lions Choice To Take Seventh Title

Tom McKewen of Long Beach will be favored to win his seventh top eliminator title of the year in Saturday night's tuneup for the June 23 Spring Drag Championship at

Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach.

Last Saturday night's field included Don Hampton, Lefty Mundersbach, Leland Kolb, Steve Porter and Glen Stokoy of Redondo Beach, all of whom should be back to meet the out of state drivers that will be coming in to try out the strip prior to the \$1,000 championship meet the following weekend.

Competition in this week's gas eliminator event will reach a fever pitch when last week's winner, Ken Safford, meets John Peters in the big dual engine Quincy Automotive dragster of Santa Monica and the No. 2 car in the country, Dave McKenzie.

Time trials start at 2:30 in the afternoon, with eliminations getting under way at 7:30 in the evening.

## Red Sox Nip Tigers in 11th, Assume Lead

Battling their way into first place in the Pacific American Babe Ruth League on Sunday, the Red Sox took a hard fought 11 inning decision from the Tigers, 6 to 5.

Close on the heels of the Red Sox, the Athletics maintain a 6-2 slate for second place. The Tigers dropped a pair of contests to tumble into the third slot.

Winning a 1 to 0 extra-inning decision over the Yankees, the Indians moved into the fourth place slot in the loop. The Braves and Yanks are tied for fifth with the Orioles remaining entrenched in the cellar.

One of the Pacific American players is moving up in the baseball world, Ray Allen, a promising young fire-ball chucker for the Tigers, has accepted an invitation to play for the South Torrance American Legion team.

## Pirates Win, Retain Lead In Colt Play

Despite heavy challenges from the Braves and the Dodgers, the Pirates continue to set the pace in Tordena Colt League play.

The Pirates notched a pair of wins, knocking off the Angels, 6 to 3, and earning a 4-1 victory over the Tigers. The Dodgers kept pace by slipping past the Braves, 4 to 3, and whipping the Tigers, 6 to 4.

Standing solid without a defeat, the Pirates hung on to the lead with a 9 to 3 decision over the Senators.

The Pirates lead at 7-0 with the Braves (6-2), the Dodgers (4-2), the Tigers (3-4), the Angels (1-7) and the Senators (0-7) trailing.

The Women's Auxiliary of the league will hold a dime a dip dinner at Torrance Park on June 23 beginning at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

Boys 15 and 16 years of age in the Torrance and Gardena area are invited to join the league. Applications are available at local sporting goods stores.



**SUCCESS TALE . . .** Rich Fernandez, sparking El Camino distance runner, goes through paces during cross country season. The Southern California junior college cross country champ vainly tried three other sports before finding his forte on the oval.

## KIMES, MAHAFFEY HELP TRIM YANKS

Mike Mahaffey and Ronnie Kimes, each slamming home runs, powered the Tordonda Little League Senators to a 6-2 victory over the Yanks the past week. Joe Sullivan took the hurling nod.

Coming right back, the Yanks ripped the Cubs 7 to 2 behind the circuit clouts of Joe Savage and Larry Robillard. Danie Gibson, in and out of trouble throughout the contest, chalked up the victory.

The Cubs also bounced back, shutting out the Tigers, 5 to 0, behind the three-hit chugging of Carl Hultgren. It was Hultgren's second shutout of the season. His first came on a one-hitter.

**MIKE MANNION** went two for two at the dish and the Dodgers rolled past the Braves

5 to 2. George Sharp went the first five innings and two batters into the final frame before being relieved. Craig Lane came in to retire the final batter.

In a free-swinging contest, the White Sox edged the Indians in a seven inning tilt, 4 to 3. Danny Stern and Corkey Arneson each hit his three four-bagger of the season with Dave Boylan blasting his first.

**STERN STARTED** for the Pale Hose, but needed help from Arneson in the overtime round.

In the Minors, the Cards fell before the Padres, 18 to 5, the Phillies broke a losing streak at the expense of the Giants, 17 to 12 and the Angels roughed up the Stars to a 9 to 3 tune.



**MINIATURE BAMBINOS . . .** Muscling-in on Babe Ruth's prowess as a home run hitter, two Tordonda League stars have helped give the Senators a successful year. Mike Mahaffey (left) has five homers to his credit and Ronnie Kime slammed his first the past week.

## Braves First at Mid-Mark In Torrance Central Year

With the Torrance Central Minor League season at its half-way mark, the Braves are coasting along in first place with a 9-1 record.

Still hanging tight behind, the second place Yanks are in contention with a 7-2 slate.

As of Wednesday night, the Dodgers, are holding a grip on third with a 6-3 record. The Giants follow at 5-5.

**HANGING ON** to fifth with a 2-7 mark are the Cubs with the Cardinals, still winless after 10 contests, determined to pick up their first win.

The league also offers a training program for youngsters. In the training league, the Stars, piloted by J. D.

## El Camino Distance Star Has Rags-to-Riches Story

Third period gym class at Mira Costa High School had begun, initiating the new year. Seated in the bleachers were students listening to Mira Costa's cross country mentor, Diz Miller, soliciting runners.

Several potential distance men got down from the bleachers and walked to the coach to sign up for the season. One boy in particular strode over to the mentor, coaxed partially by the joining of a friend, but mostly because the athletically star-bound lad had vainly tried football, wrestling and basketball.

During this track season, Fernandez holds the El Camino two-mile record of 9:31.6. Fernandez is majoring in police science at El Camino and has hopeful plans to complete a B.A. degree at Oregon State. He'd like to work in the field of juvenile delinquency.

ON THE long trips to opponents' tracks or cross country fields, one may hear a quiet melodious humming—it could be the soothing sound of Fernandez, a fourth semester member of the El Camino College a capella choir.

With the stick-to-it-iveness he has so far shown (not many people can finish fifth in a race with a broken leg) and his warm personality and sincere deep-rooted desires, one can do nothing but expect records to continue to be broken and goals to be met.

## Top Motorcycle Riders Ready to Invade Ascot

Leading eastern and mid-western motorcycle riders soon will be invading Ascot Park to get the feel of the fast Gardena half-mile oval before the 1962 National AMA eight-mile championships July 20-21.

Racing director J. C. Agarian announces that Tony Murquia of Key West, Fla., and George Roeder of Columbus, Ohio, will be competing shortly in the regular Friday night programs against the western kingpins.

ner of Bellflower, Jack O'Brien, the season's point leader, of Santa Monica, and Dick Hammer of Lakewood.

**CLYDE LITCH** of San Gabriel, king of the amateurs, is again the favorite in this class against Russ Barcella, Los Angeles; Mert Lawwill, Boise, Idaho; and Homer Stapps, San Gabriel. Litch, so far, is the only amateur to break into the open trophy dash, having done so three times.

Dick Guglielmana of Garden Grove is the rider to beat in the novice division.

**WHILE RUNNING** in the Mt. San Antonio College High School Invitational, Richard Fernandez broke his leg, but he continued running the race and placed fifth. Six hours later his leg was bound in hard white plaster, his running for Mira Costa through.

At El Camino College, Fernandez joined Coach Ray Southstone's thinclads, running on a championship cross country team. This year the distance ace sparked the cross country team to the Metropolitan Dual Meet Championship, the Metropolitan Meet Championship and the Southern California Cross Country crown. He placed first in each of these

## Swimming Set At El Camino For Summer

Registration for summer swimming classes to be offered children at the El Camino district will be Saturday, at 8 a.m., Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel, announced this week.

Three separate periods of swimming instruction will be offered during the summer each period will have classes scheduled almost hourly from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The first period begins June 18 and continues to June 29. Later periods are from July 2 to July 13 and July 16 to July 27.

Class schedules and requirements are available in the business office of the Administration Building of El Camino College.

## Nationals Plan Dance

Torrance National Little League is sponsoring a "Cotton and Cord" dance Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Torrance with music by Ken Perkins.

Bids are \$1 per person and can be picked up from any member of the league or at the Reynolds Field concession stand.

Carroll Resweber of Milwaukee, Wis., AMA national champion three years running, also intends to tuneup on the Ascot scene of action. Last year, Resweber although unbeatable on eastern tracks, was licked by Pasadena's Neil Keen in the eight-mile national classic.

**KEEN, BACK** on his own championship bike, is among the leading expert class contenders tomorrow night in the 11th race meet of the 1962 season.

Competition against Keen runs deep with the field headed by four main event winners, "Sliding Al" Gunter of Alhambra, Sammy "Flying Fea" Tan-

## ORIOLES TIE WHITE SOX IN CRUCIAL

Riviera Little League action was dominated by the White Sox and the Orioles the early part of June.

The Pale Hose chalked up an 11 to 4 victory over the Indians, but were matched by the Orioles 9 to 5 win over the Tigers.

In a crucial contest, the two ball clubs battled to an undecisive 9 to 9 deadlock to leave the issue still in doubt as to the top squad.

In other action, the Athletics took home a 10 to 7 decision over the Yankees, but absorbed a 17 to 0 licking from the Red Sox later in the week.

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